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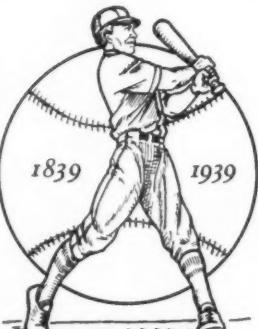
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Tannou Touva The Unknown

ONE of the least known of all stamp issuing countries is that variously known as Tannou Touva, Touva or Northern Mongolia. Located in a remote portion of the globe seldom visited by foreigners, the postal service of this country has been the subject of much conjecture. Appearing from time to time from the Soviet Russian philatelic agency, have been numerous stamps purporting to be postage stamps of Touva. Covers franked only with such stamps have from time to time reached dealers, all such covers though being evidently posted at Moscow, Russia—a city a thousand miles and more from Touva. What little information has been found regarding this country has served to allay but little some suspicions regarding the stamps. Reflecting this is the refusal of Scott's to list any of the stamps issued since 1933; while Gibbons list even fewer of the stamps. Much of the suspicion was brought on by the failure of Russian sellers of the stamps to answer questions regarding the issues and the little definite information known came in a rather roundabout way.

Albert H. Harris, head of Harris Publications, Ltd. of London has tried to obtain complete information on the country, with but little success, and this effort and its meagre results have been published in the *Stamp Collectors' Annual and Diary* in 1938, and in the new edition for 1939. The entire articles are too long to print here and interested collectors can obtain copies of these Annuals from them at 112 Strand, London, by remitting 1/3 each. Mr. Harris commenced his questioning by trying to determine if there was a postal service in Touva. Writing first to the Soviet Philatelic Association (Russian Phil. Agency) at Moscow he asked a number of questions. This Bureau was contacted because all sample sets came in envelopes bearing the Bureau's name and Moscow address, though the cover would bear Touva stamps with cancellations of the alleged Touva post offices of "Kizil" or "Tur'an." A letter of March 10, 1937, inquiring if there was such a postal service brought this reply, indicating that there was, but not explaining the use of the stamps at Moscow, or why if only the Touvan Postal Service answered questions, why its stamps were issued from Moscow:

23 March, 1937

We have received your letter of the 10th inst., and wish to suggest that you may receive the answer to your queries in which you take

interest directly from the Postal Authorities of the Republic of Touva, Town Kizil. Your correspondence is to be directed to the following address: Via Russia:

Tibba Arat Respublike (Touva),
Karbilzaa Ergelleer,
Kbzbl-xooraj (Kizil).

Yours faithfully,
SOVIET PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.
Milkin (Director),
Popowa (Secretary).

Letters so addressed never were replied to, nor were they returned undelivered to Mr. Harris. Which made things appear more suspicious than ever. The firm of Whitfield-King submitted a letter received on March 23, 1937, from "The General Post Office Administration of the People's Republic of Touva." The letter simply stated that in reply to in-

located in different regions of the U. S. S. R.

Isolated notes on the country in the magazine "Asia," etc., gave such information that as recently as 1930 the country had no written language and from this it would seem a postal service would be of no use whatsoever, though stamps were issued as early as 1926. The report went on to state there are now (1937) 16 newspapers printed in the adopted alphabet, Russian (Cyrillic). Descriptions of the inhabitants and their known racial characteristics indicate there would be little use by them of a postal service.

The only really informative statement on the country's alleged postal service was contained in the following letter to Bela Sekula, New York dealer who wholesaled the issues. He had called to the Touvan authorities attention the unanswered questions and they replied to him as follows:

Dear Sir,

We acknowledged receipt of your letter of the 18th ult. and must observe that the letters addressed to us never remain without reply. Therefore we do not understand what letters from Mr. Harris remained without answer.

You wish to know whether there is any postal service in Tannou Touva?

The Universal Postal Union in Berne is aware of the existence of the General Postal Administration in the People's Republic of Touva. This fact is beyond dispute.

There are Post Offices at the following spots in the Tannou Touva People's Republic:—

(1.) The General Post Office, Kizil.
(2.) In Tschadan, Barun-Kemtschickskogo Hoshuna.

(3.) In Shagonar-Ulu-Hemskogo Hoshuna.
(4.) In Turan Bij-Hemskogo Hoshuna.
(5.) In the hamlet Snamenka Ha-Hems-kogo Hoshuna.
(6.) In the hamlet Balgasik Tandi-Hoshuna.
(7.) In the town Mamogaltai Tesj. Hems-kogo Hoshuna.
(8.) Kizil Madjalik Dzun Kemtschickskogo Hoshuna.

We have pleasure in replying to your eight questions:

Questions

(1) Is there any actual postal service in, to, or from Tannou Touva?

(2) As according to the Soviet Bureau offices in London no railroad enters the country, what is the method of communication?

(3) What are the postal rates, both internal and external?

(4) Why have no covers yet been seen, except those with philatelic franking by the Soviet Bureau of Moscow?

(5) Is it a fact that the cancellations of Kizil and Turan are applied in Moscow?

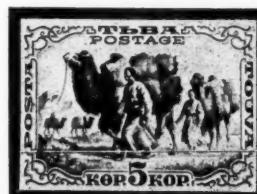
(6) How frequent is the air service, where is the aerodrome, and what are the charges for air mail letters?

(7) Can any statistics be given of the amount of mail handled annually in Touva?

(8) Can you supply any photographs of post offices in the Republic?

Answers

(1) There is actual postal service in, to and from Tannou Touva to Irkutsk air route and



quiries about the purpose of Touva stamps recently offered, that these commemorated the 15th anniversary of the foundation of the republic and also to meet the introduction of a new monetary system. The series to consist of 22 values for ordinary postage and 9 for "air mail service." The letter was in very good English.

Inquiry of the Universal Postal Union regarding the existence of such a country, whether it was known to them, names of its post offices, etc., was met with the reply that no such country or subdivision of a country was known and that a number of post offices were listed under Russia which had Kizil as part of their hyphenated name, but which were

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(2) Methods of communication in the Tannou Touva People's Republic are: Towards Mongolia, the high road Kizil-Ulsutay; towards the U.S.S.R., the high road Kizil-Minussinsk. Water transport on the River Yenisei. The Government is now busy with the construction of roads for motor communication, and the improvement of navigation.

(3) We are sorry to have no information about the postal rates.

(4) Up to date the Touva Republic is not a member of the Berne Universal Postal Union.

(5) This is an unfounded assertion. There is no such postmark in Moscow, and the cancellations are applied only in Kizil.

(6) The aerodrome is in Irkutsk (see our clause 1).

(7) We regret not to dispose (sic) at present over statistics of the amount of mail handled annually.

(8) We have no photographs of post offices in Touva at our disposal.

We regret not to be in possession of more complete material for reply to all your questions, but we hope that these brief data will complete the information you have about the People's Republic of Touva.

Looking forward to your communications, we are,

Very truly yours,
MEZHODUNARODNAJA KNIGA

There is no letter "H" in the Cyrillic alphabet supposed to be in use in Touva, "X" being the equivalent in that alphabet of "H." The syllables "ego" or "ego" mean "of the." What appears to be the name of the postal official—"Mezhodunarodnaja Kniga," means "International Book."

The letter makes one outstanding contradictory statement, that the U. P. U. is aware of the existence of the Touvan Postal Administration, when they have stated they knew nothing of such a place and the latest edition of their post office directory did not list it or any of the post offices named, either under Touva or any other country name.

From the information at hand the following conclusions can be drawn:

1. Touvan stamps are accepted as postage stamps by the Soviet postal authorities, though so far all seen used have been on official communications and none have been seen upon private letters. The question is by whom are these stamps actually issued?

2. Since Touva is not a member of the Universal Postal Union, its stamps may not prepay letters to other countries that are members. That no covers have been charged postage due on delivery is due only to neglect or ignorance. The stamps of Touva are in a class with those of Tibet, and are similar to franking power to those of Afghanistan before that country joined the U.P.U.

3. No airmail service exists within the country, all airmail going by ordinary land transport to a Soviet city (Irkutsk) and thence by air to destination. This fact itself however doesn't rule out the validity of Touva's air stamps, for certain small countries such as Luxembourg have issued air mail stamps when airmail service did not exist within that particular state. However, Touva air stamps have theoretically no validity in Soviet Russia by rules of the U. P. U. and consequently all air issues are without franking power and entirely unnecessary.

4. Nominally at least, Touva is an independent country, but it would appear to actually be a part of the U. S. S. R. Economically, politically and geographically it is tied to Russia. That the Soviet Bureau distributes its stamps

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5. We cannot condemn Touvan stamps solely on the ground that questions are evaded. Anyone who has asked Russian officialdom questions will agree that this appears to be the usual procedure. Questions which any other country would willingly answer are ignored, despite the apparent tendency of this attitude to bring into disrepute Soviet philatelic emissions.

6. Lack of covers from other than the Soviet Bureau do not indicate the stamps have no other use. Touva is a remote district, having little need of contact with the rest of the outer world (it lies between Outer Mongolia and Siberia in the heart of the least known portion of Asia) and communications are so slow that contacts are discouraged by that alone. Then too, if the government follows the Soviet pattern, there would normally be no opportunity or need for private correspondence of an international nature. All commerce in the Soviet state is government conducted.

Can any of our readers and advertisers furnish any further information of a reliable nature on this little known country?

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June 17—U. S., British, Europe. Cosmos Stamp Co., 116 L Nassau St., New York City.

June 26—Postal History. James R. Arnold, Box 36, Metuchen, N. J.

June 26-27-28—Tracey Woodward's Japan. H. R. Harmer, 131-137 New Bond St., London, England.

June 28—U. S. Foreign. L. Kusmierz, 6355 Willette, Detroit, Mich.

July 10—U. S. Wholesale and Foreign Ails. M. Amiel, Box 1903, St. Petersburg, Fla.

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The above style of numbering has been one considered for years, in order to do away with the need for occasional revision as was necessary with the present style of numbering. With the new style of numbering, there will be no need ever to renumber the special issues of stamps. The catalogue, as usual will appear in September and there will be no advance in price.

Philadelphia-Camden Autogiro

In order for every first flight cover to be actually transported on the first flight of the autogiro plane to carry mail between the roof of the Philadelphia post office and the Camden, N. J., airmail field, the Post Office Department has requested that only lightweight covers be sent. The announcement was due to the capacity of the plane being limited in proportion to the heavy mail this unusual flight is expected to attract and the habit of many first flight senders using large envelopes rather than standard 6 1/4 size covers.

A cachet of the same design but in different colors will be used by the Philadelphia, Pa., post office and the Clerk in Charge, Airmail Field, Camden, N. J., on first flight mail, but covers can not receive both postmarks and cachets of both offices on the same cover. Cachet will not be placed on covers unless there is sufficient space on the face of the cover, and not at all if this space already has a printed cachet or written inscription. The route, No. 2001, is an experimental one, considered ever since the new post office at Philadelphia was completed with landing space on the roof sufficient to accommodate rotary-wing aircraft. Date for first flight was not announced but flight is expected soon.

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The 2300 mile flight from New York to Azores was completed in 13 hours and 22 minutes. The flight from Azores to Lisbon, 1300 miles was made in six hours and 54 minutes.

To handle covers consigned to its care by stamp collectors, Pan American sent along on the flight Fred Laidlaw especially to service these covers. Captain Arthur E. LaPorte had command of the Clipper, while President Juan Trippe of P. A. A. officiated at the departure of the ship. The flight was commenced on the 12th anniversary of Lindbergh's flight.

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#727 Newberg	.18	.05	.02
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Florida Dealer Dies

William H. Sidells, former stamp dealer of Pee Dee, N. C., and later of Newberry, Fla., died at the latter city on May 11, O. J. Richardson of Pinellas Park reports. Mr. Sidells spent a number of years in Argentine, Uruguay and other countries in South America where he was well known in stamp circles.

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By A. STAMPMAN, JR.
350 Arroceros Street
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Let me open this report with my thanks to those who have written me, both congratulating me for the reports and those requesting me to help them connected with some stamp collectors here. To the former, I am grateful and to the latter, I give them assurance that everything I can do will be done for them.

A great shock to many collectors here and probably abroad is the news that the P1.00 denominations of the set issued by the Bureau of Post to celebrate the FIRST AIR MAIL EXHIBITION held in Manila recently was sold out at the first day of sale. The reports show that only 30,000 of this denomination was printed. There is now much speculation as to their prices. I know of several stores selling them at two and half times their face value with the comment that such is a charity price. Many collectors were caught unaware and are practically begging for the stamp now. There are still a good number of the 8c of this issue.

While I do not give credit to this rumor, I hear that there is a move among many dissatisfied collectors that they will request a reprinting of the P1.00 denomination. There contention is that inasmuch as these stamps were printed for and through the request of stamp collectors, the government should have made provisions that enough copies should have been printed to give fair chances to those who through unavoidable circumstances could not purchase copies on the first day of sale.

I reported some time ago of an interest developing among collectors here in cancellation collecting. Since then I have received several requests for copies of slogan cancellation and town cancellations. I still have copies which I will be willing to give out, but may I request that you accompany your request with 5c to cover postage.

The Promotional Secretary of the Philippine Amateur Stamp Collectors' Club wishes me to call the attention of the Stamp Collecting World of the change in their name to PHILIPPINE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION. This was arrived at in a recent meeting. The change was made in view of the misunderstanding as to the meaning of the word Amateur. All interested in joining the Association may please communicate with Severino N. Luna, Promotional Secretary, 160-K, San Marcelino, Manila, Philippines.

Speaking of stamp clubs, I received a letter from a stamp collector requesting

for a list of stamp clubs in the Philippines. While I am not sure that this list is complete, I can say that they are the most influential stamp clubs in the islands. They are the Association Filatilica de Filipinas, Philippine Philatelic Association, Philippine Air Mail Society, Far Eastern Philatelic Association and the Tamaraw Exchange Club. Any collector desiring to contact any of these may write the writer.

A collector asked, "What is the current price of the 18c Pagsanjan Error?" Well, I should say it depends upon the condition, but for a fair copy, I will say \$4.00 will be a good price. I know of several collectors who offered them to me at that price.

Another question: Are there any Revenue Stamp collectors in your country. There may be but I notice that there is not much interest in it. In fact if there was any, it would have died by now as the Bureau of Internal Revenue required the punching of holes on all revenue stamps as a method of cancellation.

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Editor's Notebook

SOMETHING DIFFERENT They were having a big time in Tulsa, Saturday the 20th of May . . . but Oklahoma is a long way from Columbus . . . so to Akron to attend the Golden Jubilee of the Collectors Club of that city . . . a unique party put on by a unique club . . . unique in its construction and method of operation . . . formed four years ago to be a monthly round table dinner meeting . . . membership by invitation only . . . limited to 25, but each member must attend a majority of meetings . . . resulting in average attendance of three-quarters of the total membership . . . with a talk or exhibition by some member or out-of-town guest at each meeting . . . so you wonder, if only four years old how then could it be the Golden Jubilee? . . . welllll, a point was stretched a little there in the way of titles as the thing celebrated was the club's 50th meeting, officially declared the Golden Jubilee meeting . . . and what a meeting!

Though the dinner didn't start until

6:30, the attendants started arriving around 4 and all were there long before the cameras started clicking . . . the City Club's banquet room was taken over . . . an exhibition of 28 frames by members graced one side of the room . . . and the C. C.'s members have some darn nice things in their collections of which the 28 frames were in all truth just samples . . . the programs had plenty of space for autographs and dinner proved a leisurely affair of alternately exchanging fork for fountain pen . . . President and club founder Walter T. "Pop" Passenger introduced Bill Aull of Dayton, who devoted some minutes to his favorite stamp, the 3c '51 . . . like living characters from an album of these ante bellum issues the hoop-skirted Jenny Lind singers of the Tuesday Musical Club quickly filled an hour with old time airs . . . from their pleasant melodies it was a sudden change to have professional funster Jerry Ricketts step in and proceed to imitate a street corner purveyor of dollar bottles of "cure-all" . . . with a "genuine fifty-dollar gold piece" with each and every bottle! Just how late the informal sessions in the lounge and over the card tables lasted, we aren't sure, but they were still going strong (and so was the punch) when this attendant wended homeward.

Something very different in philatelic gatherings this Golden Jubilee certainly was . . . dinner, exhibition and good fellowship of a caliber seldom exceeded, if indeed ever, by the annual parties of club's much larger in size . . . certainly if anything could be added to your city in the way of stamp clubs, one modeled after Akron's Collector Club would do the trick.

—R. R.

Perfs and Imperts

THE CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS Club found that its experiment of having visitors vote on the exhibits proved a good check on the judgment of the judges. The visitors' votes tallied nearly the same as the judges.

THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE INSTALLATION of lotteries in the U. S. have a good talking point now as far as stamp collectors are concerned, since Mexico proposes to issue its latest speculative issue by means of the machinery of the National Lottery.

WALDO KECK of Minneapolis forgot to enclose the remittance when he sent the Canadian post office at Winnipeg two envelopes to receive the set of Royal Visit stamps with first day cancellation. The office there sent him the covers anyway and a letter reminding him of his forgetfulness. A nice gesture on their part. Despite a few complaints by collectors, it's evident the postal services generally do their best to please and considering all the mistakes collectors make when sending their covers, the patience of postal chiefs is remarkable.

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HOW DO YOU LIKE THE ADDITION of the color on the outside cover pages? It's being tried out for a while, but we'd like to know if you like the additional splash of color.

A CHILEAN STAMP SOCIETY HAS announced a lottery to aid the sufferers from the earthquake. Instead of selling tickets, the society will issue tickets in return for gifts of stamps. The stamps not given as prizes will be turned over to a government commission to be used to raise funds. Something a little different anyway.

SOMETHING WE NEVER COULD learn was why non-philatelic groups sponsoring cachets always insist on using No. 10 size envelopes for the covers. Suppose they think the bigger the envelope, the better the cover? There's something to take up with your local cachet director.

KING BORIS OF BULGARIA WILL be the first railroad fan to be shown in action on a postage stamp when the Bulgarian issue commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Bulgarian State Railways appears showing the King in the cab at the throttle. It's a hobby of his.

YOU'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO some of the smaller British possessions for self-control in the face of opportunity to increase their revenues tremendously by stamp sales. Total stamp sales of the Virgin Islands for the years 1932-1934 was under £200 each year, but in 1935 it rose to £3521 (Jubilees came then)! And in 1935 total income to the Virgin Islands government from all local revenue sources was just a trifle over twice that sum.

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FIRST DAY CALENDAR

3c Baseball Centennial, June 12 at Cooperstown, N. Y., large horizontally arranged design.
3c 25th Anniversary of Panama Canal, first day of sale August 15 at a point not yet decided.

Germany Commemorates Speech

In commemoration of the May Day speech of Chancellor Hitler before the Reichstag, a commemorative stamp was issued on April 28. The stamp depicts the fuhrer at the rostrum and is designed from a photograph taken by Professor Hoffman during a speech by Hitler on January 30. Printed by the Photogravure process, the stamp carries a 19 pfennig surtax for Hitler's "culture fund." It was this May 1 speech of Hitler's which served as his answer to President Roosevelt's plea for world peace addressed to Hitler and Mussolini.

Army-Navy Sold Out

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC — 11th Annual Universal Postal Union Congress Commemoratives. 15c., 25c. and 50c. are horizontal, other vertical rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 13. Placed on sale April 1st. Our correspondent informs us that the 15c., 2P. and 5P. values are already sold out. Quantities printed are noted after each:

5c. rose-carmine (U.P.U. symbol, post horn surrounding the globe)—10,000,000
15c. slate (Main Postal & Telegraph Building in Buenos Aires)—200,000
20c. ultramarine (Coat of Arms)—1,000,000
25c. deep green (Iguazu Waterfalls)—500,000
50c. sepia (National Park)—500,000
1P. plum (symbolical of modern communications)—200,000
2P. red violet (Argentine, land of promise)
30,000
5P. violet (Lake Fries)—20,000

New Designs and Colors. Balance of regular issue noted by us April 29th. Wmkd. R. A. in Sun, mult. Perf. 13:

A132—4c light green
A135—10c. chocolate
A136—12c. red
A138—15c. light blue
A137—20c. dark blue

Official Stamp. Under-noted stamp, overprinted in two lines "SERVICIO OFICIAL":
A131—3c. gray green

(H. G. Spanton)

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horizontal stamps below. Between the two stamps at the top is the wording "Xth CONGRESO DE LA U. P. U. EXPOSICION FILATELICA INTERNACIONAL BUENOS AIRES MAYO DE 1939" in eight lines. Above this upper section are the initials "C.Y.T.R.A." and below "CORREOS Y TELEGRAFOS REPUBLICA ARGENTINA." The lower section has the stamps arranged in different order; at the top left is the 5c., top right the 50c., lower left the 25c., and lower right the 20c. They are arranged thus to form a square and in the center is a white space with the wording "MAYO DE 1939." Above and below this section is the same lettering and wording as for the upper section, but in a trifle larger type, on the left side of this section, reading up is the wording "Xth CONGRESO DE LA U. P. U." and on the right side reading down "EXPOSICION FILATELICA INTERNACIONAL." Paper on which the sheet is printed appears to be unwatermarked, though because our sheet is a First Day Cover, we cannot state for certain as to this point. Cancelled May 12, 1939.

(H. G. Spanton)

FRANCE—Semi-Postal. Upright rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 13:
90c. plus 50c. red-violet (Eiffel Tower)
(L. A. Russell)

JAPAN—2nd National Parks Set. All are horizontal rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 13x13½. First day of sale April 20, 1939. Scenes are various views of the "Daisen and Inland Sea" National Park:

2s. sepia
4s. yellow-green
10s. carmine
20s. deep ultramarine

(Karl Lewis)

Miniature Sheet. The above four stamps have also been issued in a miniature sheet, 5x7½ in. The four stamps in natural colors in the central portion, perforations around each stamp, in two rows. The 4s. to the upper left, 2s. to the upper right, 10s. lower left and 20s. lower right. Three lines of Japanese characters at the top and below the stamps in three lines "PARC NATIONAL DE DAISEN" and "PARC NATIONAL DE SETONAIKI" "2599 (1939)".

(L. A. Russell)

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(Benjamin T. Baroody)

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25b. olive-black (pictorial)
50b. puce (pictorial)
1L purple (Coronation)
1.50L green (Castles)
2L blue-green (King & Queen 1869)
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A3a	Australia	.20	A1-A4	Kuwait	25.50	A4	New Zealand	.20
A4	Australia	.60	A1	Malta	.25	A5	New Zealand	.60
A4a	Australia	.75	A2	Newfoundland	8.75	A6-A8	New Zealand	.30
A5	Australia	.45	A2a	Newfoundland	12.50	A1	Papua	.15
OA1	Australia	.30	A6-A8	Newfoundland	5.00	A2	Papua	.11
A1	Canada	.08	A9-A11	Newfoundland	7.50	A3	Papua	.21
A2	Canada	.10	A12	Newfoundland	9.50	A4	Papua	.45
A3	Canada	.10	A13-A17	Newfoundland	9.00	A5-A9	Papua	.75
A4	Canada	.18	A18	Newfoundland	9.00	A1-A2	S. W. Africa	.70
A5	Canada	.08	A1-A13	New Guinea	15.50	A3-A4	S. W. Africa	.60
A6	Canada	.08	A14-A25	New Guinea	3.75	A5-A8	S. W. Africa	2.00
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A2	Egypt	.40	A28-A37	New Guinea	1.75	A15-A20	Sudan	4.50
A3	Egypt	1.50	A28-A39	New Guinea	4.50	A23-A30	Sudan	2.75
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Perhaps never again will there be such an extensive accumulation and collection of one series of stamps made as has been reached by C. W. Sachs in the Bi-Centennial Series. Mr. Sachs has decided that he has gone far enough with the collection and is breaking up certain sections of it now altho he is by no means out of the market for Bi-Centennials. Here are the approximate totals. Somewhat over 20,100 varieties in singles, over 2,000 blocks and right around 880 double line singles which include missing period and spacing varieties. It is too bad that other statistics could not have been made of this outstanding collection, such as the number from each state and the way the collection was divided by denominations, also the percentage of handstamps and electros. There are other things too if one could think of them. Mr. Sachs will retain his double line Bi-Centennials intact.

NOTES

A dated wrinkle. IDEALITE in one line, DEC 1938 in the second line, possibly 10mm. below, the imprinting not fitting anywhere on the stamp it was applied somewhat diagonally down over a 3c Stuart from Jersey City in U-15 type.—To my notion blocks of either the 1c 71 or Presidential 271 from Warren, Pa., should be rather scarce as most of these stamps are used in singles only. The catalog bears me out on the 71, listing it at .01 single but 60¢ in a block. The Presidential did not make the 22nd edition.—The Central Ohio Precancel Club will meet Sunday, June 18th, Virginia Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

WITH THE READERS

A card from A. M. Brenkus, Ft. Wayne, Ind., telling of a 6c Garfield that is brown, also of a 10c precancel that is somewhat of a tan color. The 6c is an old old story. That particular color easily oxidizes when left in the bright sunlight or in many others ways and is not unusual in any shade of brown. The 10c value holds its color better than the 6c but it too will oxidize. Nothing unusual and no added value. Billy Robertson, Charleroi, Pa., has a 1c Pittsburgh, Pa., additionally postmarked Youngstown, O., and wants to know if this is unusual and if it carried any premium. To the contrary postmarked precancels are sold at extra discounts over regular selling prices.

Robert Allen of Sandpoint, Idaho, reports that he has a 1c 1927 from LaFayette, Ind., and where D is in IND, there is a 3. In all my eight years of experience of handling such inquiries I doubt if 5% of the submissions have proved true. In this case the stamp was not submitted, but a perusal of the catalog does not show such an error exists and INDIANA is a well listed state. All listings from LaFayette are handstamps

save one, and in handstamps funny things appear to happen. As I remember it LaFayette now has a U-17, maybe its only a U-121 anyway that is besides the point. Such an error may exist but the odds are 20-1 against it that it doesn't. In such cases it would help considerably if the stamp was submitted. Now then let us suppose this is a real error, which could be quite possible, what would the stamp be worth. Well from my observation 50¢ perhaps, not over a dollar at the most, maybe a larger amount if on a trade. So if you have a precancel with an error on it don't buy a new automobile on the strength of it or you are in for a rude awakening.

• ELLIOTTSVILLE, Penna., evidently didn't turn out to be as big a place as the name implies for its post office is to be discontinued on June 15.

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Once again the New York G. P. O. was the scene of the issuance of a new stamp, the 30c Trans-Atlantic Airmail adhesive. At this writing can't say if any records were broken, I doubt if any were, as the stamp was issued without much advance notice. Above all, one didn't have to wait in line very long to secure the cancelling of their stamps.

The Doubleday Doran Publishing Co. are recalling with great pride that Abner Doubleday, the founder of baseball, is the grandfather of the present chief executive of the company. As a result all of the Doubleday Doran bookshops are accepting orders for first day covers of the coming Baseball stamp.

J. M. Bartels just concluded one of their most successful auction sales. Mr. Bartels pointed out with great pride that superb foreign material sold for nearly full catalogue quotations and in many cases sold over that figure. He stated that before the sale started he knew that they were going to realize nice prices for the foreign material, but what surprised him was the number of competitors for such material.

A few blocks further up on Nassau Street, M. Ohlman showed your correspondent a fine lot of 19th and 20th century U. S. material which is to be sold on the first day of his next sale, June 13. For the second day sale, June 16, he showed me a beautiful batch of British Colonials and other foreign stamps.

The greatest single issue since the Coronations and French Colonial Exhibitions made their appearance in New York much to the disgust of the retailers. The French Colonies in honor

of the New York World Fair presented us with an issue of 48 stamps. And are the boys having fun separating the stamps into complete sets! One thing when the French honor us, they do it wholeheartedly. After all aren't we paying for it? The most important part, however, the French Postal Authorities haven't issued any "limited issues."

The Mexican set honoring Will Rogers made its appearance this week, only thing we are wondering about how does it honor Will Rogers, when it honors the Tulsa Convention? We know Will Rogers comes from Oklahoma, and we know that Tulsa is in Oklahoma, so we suppose and hope that the stamp is in honor of both of them. Only thing I am wondering about, why didn't some astute business man tip off the Mexican Government that this would have been an ideal way to balance their budget. They printed only 50,000 sets, and sold these all on the first day of issue. Couldn't they have printed ten times as much? Very few of these were used for postage. A nicer profit would have been the result with better feeling all around.

While on the subject of Mexican stamps, one wonders if their New York World's Fair stamps will reach a wholesale price of a dollar a set as predicted by some. The current wholesale and retail prices are about the same. Retailers however know that when their current supply gives out (as in some cases it already has) that they will have to charge much more for the set.

The wholesale price on the Dominican Republic New York World's Fair set has advanced three cents. The Roumanian set which made its appearance in New York this week is also one of the "Limited Issue" sets. The stamps weren't even off the boat when warnings were received from Europe that if the dealers want more of this stamp, well they must pay more. The joker in this is that wholesalers, will need more as they only received one-twentieth of what they ordered.

The Danzig Cancer set which I spoke about last week, may turn out to be one of the most speculative issues to reach our shores since the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce set. Most of the dealers received very little of this set. Cable reports from abroad indicate that future shipments of this stamp will be in lots of ten and twenty sets. The entire issue was bought up by speculators on the first day of issue.

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AUSTRALASIAN NOTES

R. PORTER

AUSTRALIA:

A new 5/- commemorative stamp has just been announced by the Postmaster General. It will appear in connection with the Trans-Indian Ocean survey flight which is to take place on June 7th from Onslow in Western Australia to Mombassa in Kenya. A limited quantity of mail will be carried and the rate for this flight has been fixed at 5/- per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., hence the new stamp.



S. Miller, who under the name of R. Porter, writes Australasian Notes

Besides marking the conquest by air of the last ocean not yet covered by air routes, the stamp will help to meet the costs of the flight which are estimated at £3,000 (\$12,000). The stamps will be placed on sale in all six capital cities of Australia a few days before the flight takes place, and withdrawn shortly after. The number to be printed has not been announced, but in the circumstances it cannot run to more than two or three thousand.

The decision to undertake the flight is an outcome of the continued political tension in Europe. General war may cut off the Imperial Airways route which links England with Australia, via Egypt, India and Singapore and it is for that reason that an alternative air route has become a necessity. The new route across the Indian Ocean is a little over 400 nautical miles long and has the Cocos Islands, the Chagos Group and the Seychelles as resting places.

Once the route is established it will greatly resemble a trans-Pacific Clipper flight for it will consist of a series of "hops" from one continent to another with romantic little equatorial islands as resting places.

The part the U.S.A. plays in this historical flight is a very conspicuous one, for the flying boat "Guba" which has

been chartered by the Commonwealth Government to undertake the survey is a standard U. S. Navy patrol boat with a flying range of over 4000 miles and now the property of Mr. Richard Archbold, the millionaire American scientist who until recently has been engaged on exploratory work in little known parts of Papua.

Two of the crew are likely to be Americans. They are Mr. Russell Rodgers and Captain L. A. Yancey. Captain P. G. Taylor, famous companion of the late Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, is to be in charge of the flight and a Sydney journalist, Mr. J. Percival is to complete the crew. Special covers are to be made available for the use of collectors and others who will wish to send them by the Guba and stamps of Kenya will be also available at the Chief Post Office in the capital cities so that they may be affixed to covers and prepay postage for their return from Kenya back to Australia. Altogether the flight although of the first importance to commercial and strategic aviation will owe much of its financial success to the stamp collecting public. It will be necessary to sell only a little over 12,000 stamps to cover the entire cost of the flight.

NEW ZEALAND:

The official bulletin announces that the series of stamps to be issued on January 2, 1940, in honor of the Centennial celebrations will consist of twelve values of a total face of 4/5½d. The denominations will be as follows:

½d.—Landing of Maoris.

1d.—Rediscovery of New Zealand by Capt. James Cook.

1½d.—One hundred years of British sovereignty.

2d.—Tasman's Discovery of New Zealand 1642.

2½d.—Treaty of Waitangi—1840 (by which the English settlers purchased land from the Maoris).

3d.—The landing of the first migrants in 1840.

4d.—Progress of transport during the past 100 years.

5d.—Hoisting of the British flag at Akaroa in the South Island.

6d.—First shipment of frozen mutton (1882).

7d.—A Maori council.

9d.—Gold mining.

1½d.—The giant Kauri tree estimated to be now over 1000 years old and symbolizing New Zealand's past history.

Specially designed official first day covers will be made available at all main post offices in New Zealand and a special postmark will be available at the Centennial Exhibition to be held in Wellington. On top of this, special booklets describing the designs in detail will be distributed with the stamps.

• The postmaster of the office of FISK in Winnebago County, Wisc., evidently has decided it is "time to retire" as this office closes on June 15.

• The stamps of Obock continued to be sold for years after the end of this separate colony, by the Somali Coast postal department.

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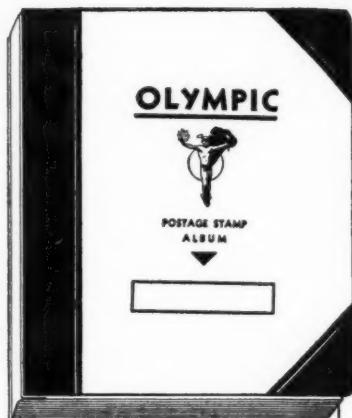
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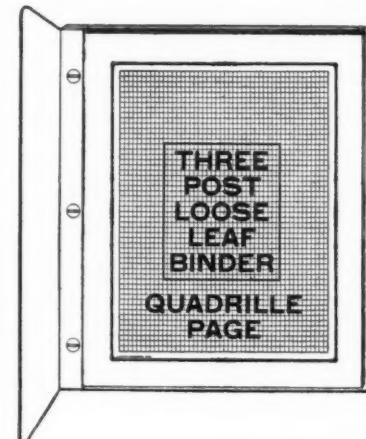


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